

## **Applus+ has acquired the American laboratory DatapointLabs, specialised in the characterisation of materials for numerical simulation**

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**Madrid, June 19, 2018.** Applus+, a global testing, inspection and certification company, has acquired the North American DatapointLabs laboratory, specialised in material characterisation tests. With this acquisition, the Applus+ Laboratories division reinforces its presence in the United States, and expands its global network of materials testing laboratories.

DatapointLabs is located in Ithaca, in the State of New York (USA), and has 17 workers and a turnover of 4 million dollars. The company is a reference laboratory both for manufacturers of advanced materials and for industries such as automotive, aeronautics and the biomedical industry.

Created in 1995, DatapointLabs has developed a very extensive catalogue of material tests, and unique material characterisation services for calculations and numerical simulations.

According to Fernando Basabe, CEO of Applus+, *"in line with the Group strategy we presented in February, this is the fifth acquisition of the Applus+ Laboratories Division in the last 15 months. These operations further strengthen our positioning in the technical areas where we have the highest growth and profitability"*.

*"Thanks to the integration of DatapointLabs, we continue to expand our service offering to industries with high technological value. The combination of laboratory tests with numerical simulation provides a key tool for our customers to optimise their products from the moment of conception"*, said Jordi Brufau, Executive Vice President of Applus+ Laboratories Division.

According to Hubert Lobo, CEO of DatapointLabs, *"joining with Applus+ presents a strong synergistic opportunity for DatapointLabs to scale our services and software to a global audience of companies working with new materials, novel manufacturing processes and simulation-driven product development"*.

### **About DatapointLabs**

Founded in 1995, DatapointLabs Technical Center for Materials provides accurate material testing, material parameter conversion and validation services for simulation, allowing companies to populate their databases with high quality, application-ready data for product design and development. The Matereality® software gives manufacturing enterprises the means to build a centralized, secure materials knowledge core to store properties, CAE material files, specifications, and material

information. The PICSCI Electronic Lab Notebooks cloud-based software from Matereality provides infrastructure for storage, visualization, analysis, and collaboration for experimental data.

### **About the Applus+ Group**

Applus+ is one of the world's leading and most innovative companies in the testing, inspection and certification sector. It provides solutions for customers in all types of industries to ensure that their assets and products meet health and safety, quality and environmental standards and regulations.

Applus+ develops its activity in more than 70 countries with a workforce of 20,700 employees and operates through four global divisions, all under the Applus+ brand. During the fiscal year 2017, it obtained revenues of 1,583 million euros and an adjusted operating result of 143 million euros.

Applus+ is listed on the stock markets of Barcelona, Bilbao, Madrid and Valencia. The total number of shares is 143,018,430

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